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TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING
SECRETARY, 1903.

*To the President and Members of the Columbia Historical
Society:*

The Recording Secretary respectfully submits this the *Tenth Annual Report*, beginning with the 64th meeting, January 12, 1903, and ending with the 70th meeting on December 14, of the same year.

The Society has grown from a band of 29 persons signing the Articles of Incorporation in May, 1894, to a membership of 283 upon this, our tenth annual meeting. During the year, we have gained 49 new members, lost 5 by death, 8 by resignation and 4 through other causes.

The Society has held 7 meetings, all in the banquet hall of the Shoreham Hotel. Fifteen written communications have been presented and 42 members and guests have taken part in the resulting discussions. The average attendance has been 86; the largest 120 at the February and the smallest 35 at the April meeting. The Board of Managers has held 8 meetings, at which the average attendance has been 10. When the westward growth of the Capital was discussed, one of the five papers presented was illustrated with lantern slides.

Volume 6 of *The Records*, published this year, contains 296 pages and 13 illustrations, some of which are reproductions of rare portraits. The Committee on Publication feel justly proud of this issue as it inaugurates the plan of binding our publications, yet at no additional cost to our members.

During the year, systematic efforts have been made to notably increase the membership, as in no other way can we secure a permanent home for our library which is steadily growing but, until such a home is provided for it, must remain in storage.

Our present members can show their appreciation of what the Society has already done, in no better way than by helping us double our numbers by the end of our first decade, in May 1904.

MARY STEVENS BEALL,
Recording Secretary.

February 8, 1904.